sugar mills are likely to be set up during the remaining 2 years of the 7th Plan period against the letters of intent/licences issued during the 7th Five Year Plan period and earlier.

(c) and (d) The following three proposals for setting up of new sugar mills of 2500 TCD capacity each in the State of Orissa are pending before the Government (Department of Food):—

(i) Tal. Nawarangpur, Distt. Koraput.

(ii) Place & District Bolangir.

(iii) Tal. Place Dharamgarh Distt. Kalahandi.

(e) The Central Government do not earmark any amount for establishment of sugar factories.

Arrears of provident fund due from Public Sector

2669. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the amount of arrears due from public sector units during 1986-87 and 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): The amount of arrears were as given below:—

(Rupees in crores)

As on	Exempted Establishments	Un-exempted Establishments
31-3-87 . . .	21.42	12.80
31-3-88 . . .	28.48	15.89

Bungling in Consumer Federation

2670. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which published in Hindustan Times dated 8th September, 1988 under the caption 'Bungling in Consumer Federation' alleging Management-Auditor collusion in the tax audit of NCCF;

(b) whether the income tax Department has initiated any action on the matters of reported improper valuation of stocks for showing losses and manipulation of tax audit under section 44AB of Income Tax Act; and

(c) if so, what and if not why?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir. A contradiction to the news item from the NCCF was also published by the Hindustan Times Newspaper on 5-10-1988.

(b) and (c) The NCCF have filed the tax return for the Accounting year 1986-87. No communication has been received from the Income Tax authorities.

Black marketing of Janta cloth by NCCF, Kanpur

2671. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2981 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the news item published in Jansatta on the 1st September, 1988 under the caption 'Jaren Khod Rahe Hein Afsar' alleging hube take production of JANTA CLOTH CARRY-2981 given in the Rajya Sabha on the per Sq. metre was shown during 5 days from 26th to 31st March, 1988;

(b) whether it is a fact that NCCF lifted this alleged production in violation of the instructions of State Government and shown to be issued to the cooperatives;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are complaints that same branch

Manager organised this scandalous deal when he was posted at Kanpur during March, 1988; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not taking any action against Managing Director and the concerned branch Manager of NCCF?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The news item relates to the production of Janta Cloth by U.P. Industrial Cooperative Association, Kanpur (UPICA).

(b) The Kanpur Branch of NCCF has procured 570 bales and 1500 bales of Janta Dhoties during the months of March and April, 1988 for UPICA which have been simultaneously supplies to the cooperative institution in the State. They are not aware of any fake production.

(c) NCCF has reported that they have not received any complaints to this effect.

(d) Does not arise.

Irregularities in distribution of imported sugar by NCCF, Lucknow

2672. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 249 given in Rajya Sabha on the 13th March, 1987 and state:

(a) what are the findings of the investigations of CID's of Delhi and Uttar Pradesh Police;

(b) whether any departmental action has been taken against 16 staff members of NCCF, Delhi reportedly charge-sheeted;

(c) whether similar departmental enquiry has been instituted in case of Lucknow staff;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the then Calcutta Branch Manager also sold 50 trucks of Sugar to one party M/s. Sua Lal Aggarwal;

(e) if so, what action has been taken against the involved officers; and

(f) whether it is a fact that in Delhi or Lucknow only Junior Officers have been made scape-goat and the senior Officers involved have been allowed to go scotfree?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) NCCF have reported that the complaint lodged by them with the Delhi Police was returned as the delinquent employees had deposited the money due from them. The Legal Cell of the Special Police Investigation Department, Lucknow had completed the investigations and arrested one field officer of NCCF and have filed the case in the court.

(b) All the 15 employees of Delhi branch who were involved in the irregularities have been awarded minor penalties and the shortages had also been recovered from them.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) No, Sir.

Charges against some officers of NCCF

2673. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to replies to Unstarred Question 1122 dated the 6th May, 1988 and Unstarred Question 2934 dated the 19th August, 1988 given in the Rajya Sabha and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Controller of Accounts and Finance of NCCF who was under suspension since May, 1986 has been reinstated in May, 1988 despite Government's confirmation of serious allegations